

the circuit court of said county for the appointment of commissioners to take the necessary steps for the incorporation of said village; and,

WHEREAS, Said commissioners were duly appointed, a plat of the territory to be included in said incorporated town was filed for record, and all the requirements of the law in such cases were fully and substantially complied with, and at an election held for that purpose, a majority of the voters of said territory voted in favor of such incorporation; and,

WHEREAS, At an election held for the purpose of electing officers for such incorporated town of New Hampton, a mayor, a recorder, and five trustees were elected as such officers, and said officers have passed ordinances, made certain improvements, and done other acts as such officers; and,

Failure to keep registry, loss of records, etc.

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to whether such incorporation is legal and valid on account of failure to keep a registry of votes at said elections, loss of some of the records thereof, and certain irregularities therein; therefor[e],

Proceedings for incorporation legalized.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That all proceedings had in the incorporation of said town of New Hampton be, and the same are hereby legalized, and said town of New Hampton is hereby declared to be a valid existing municipal incorporation as an incorporated town under the laws of the state of Iowa.

Elections and acts of officers legalized.

SEC. 2. The election of officers of said incorporation [incorporated] town, and all acts done by said officers, are hereby legalized and declared valid and binding to the same extent as if said town had been legally incorporated and the proper records thereof made.

Publication clause.

SEC. 3. This act being deemed by the general assembly of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in *The Daily Iowa State Leader* and *The New Hampton Courier*, provided such publication be made without expense to the state.

Approved March 13th, 1874.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in *The Iowa Daily State Leader* March 19, and in *The New Hampton Courier* March 20, 1874.

JOSIAH T. YOUNG, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER XXXIV.

SIoux CITY AND SAINT PAUL LAND-GRANT.

H. F. 274.

AN ACT Authorizing and Directing the Governor to certify to the Sioux City and St. Paul Railroad Company, certain Lands named therein.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That the governor of the state of Iowa be and is

hereby authorized and directed to certify to the Sioux City and St. Paul Railroad Company any and all lands which are now held by the state of Iowa in trust for the benefit of said railroad company in accordance with the provisions of section 2, of chapter 144 of the laws of the eleventh general assembly.

Lands to be
certified to S.
C. & St. P. Co.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

SEC. 3. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in The Iowa State Register, and The State Journal, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.

Publication
cause.

Approved March 13th, 1874.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published at Des Moines in *The Daily State Journal* March 19, and in *The Daily Iowa State Register* March 21, 1874.

JOSIAH T. YOUNG, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER XXXV.

LEASING THE CONVICT LABOR AT THE PENITENTIARY.

AN ACT to Provide for leasing the Convict Labor in the Iowa Penitentiary, after the Expiration of the Lease now in force. S. F. 97.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That the governor be directed to appoint three citizens of the state, who are hereby constituted commissioners on behalf of the state of Iowa, with full power and authority to enter into a contract or lease with such person or persons and upon such terms as they may deem of interest to the state, leasing or hiring the labor of the convicts in the penitentiary at Fort Madison for a period of time not exceeding five (5) years, reserving to the state the right to remove convicts to any other penitentiary: *Provided,* That the number shall not be reduced below three hundred, if there are that number of convicts; and said commissioners are hereby authorized and required to enter into a written agreement or contract with the person or persons with whom they contract, in which the term and stipulation of the contract shall be clearly set forth.

Governor to
appoint com-
missioners.

Labor to be
leased.

Right to re-
move con-
victs, in ex-
cess of 300, to
any other
penitentiary,
to be
reserved.
Terms of con-
tract.

SEC. 2. The commissioners shall require the person or persons, to whom they shall hire or lease the labor of the convicts, to give a bond to the state in at least double the amount of each quarterly payment for such labor, with security to be approved by the executive council, for the faithful performance of the provisions of the contract and the payment of the full amount due from the contractor or contractors quarterly for such labor.

Contractors to
give bond.

SEC. 3. Said commissioners shall each take and subscribe an oath faithfully to discharge their duties under this act, which oath shall be reduced to writing, signed by said commissioners, and filed in the office of the secretary of state.

Commission-
ers to take
oath.